

What is claimed is:

1. A ladder with an offset device adapted for selective positioning against a vertical surface of a structure, comprising:

a left structural member;

a right structural member;

5 a plurality of rungs interconnecting said left structural member to said right structural member;

a left extension member, positioned at a predetermined angle relative to the left structural member of the ladder;

10 a right extension member, positioned at a predetermined angle relative to the right structural member of the ladder;

a left vertical surface interface positioned adjacent to one end of said left extension member, and which is adapted to selectively contact the vertical surface of the structure;

a right vertical surface interface positioned adjacent to one end of said right extension member and which is adapted to selectively contact the vertical surface of the structure; and

15 at least one transverse support member positioned between said left extension member and said right extension member, wherein when said vertical surface interfaces are positioned on the vertical surface of the structure, the ladder is tilted at a predetermined angle, wherein an uppermost portion of the latter is positioned a predetermined distance from the vertical surface of the structure.

2. The ladder of Claim 1, wherein said predetermined angle of said extension members with respect to the structural members of the ladder is about 100 degrees to 120 degrees, preferably about 110 degrees.

3. The ladder of Claim 1, wherein said extension members are constructed of rectangular tubes, of about the same size and material of the structural members of the ladder, and are either welded or bolted thereto.

4. The ladder of Claim 1, further comprising:
a left gusset interconnected to said left extension member and to the left structural member of the ladder; and
a right gusset interconnected to said right extension member and to the right structural member of the ladder.

5. The ladder of Claim 1, further comprising:
an angled surface interface member positioned between said left extension member and said right extension member, wherein said angled surface interface is adapted to selectively contact at least two adjacent walls that are joined at an angle, such as a 90 degree corner.

6. The ladder of Claim 1, wherein said predetermined angle between said left extension member and said left structural member, and between said right extension member and said right structural member is adapted to be selectively adjustable.

7. An offset device adapted for selective interconnection with a ladder, that comprises a left structural member, a right structural member, and a plurality of rungs therebetween, comprising:

5 an angled left extension member, which is adapted to selectively interconnect with the left structural member of the ladder;

an angled right extension member, which is adapted to selectively interconnect with the right structural member of the ladder;

a left vertical surface interface adjacent to one end of said left extension member, which is adapted to selectively contact a vertical surface of the structure;

10 a right vertical surface interface adjacent to one end of said right extension member, which is adapted to selectively contact the vertical surface of the structure; and

at least one transverse support member interconnecting said left extension member and said right extension member, wherein said offset device may be selectively interconnected to the ladder by interfacing the left structural member of the ladder with said
15 left extension member and interfacing the right structural member of the ladder with said right extension member, and wherein when said offset device is selectively interconnected to the ladder and said vertical surface interfaces are positioned on the vertical surface of the structure, the ladder is tilted at a predetermined angle and the uppermost portion of the ladder is positioned a horizontal distance of at least about 12 inches from the structure.

8. The offset device of Claim 7, further comprising:

a stabilization member, interconnected to said left extension member and to said right extension member, which is adapted to selectively interface with the uppermost rung of the ladder.

9. The offset device of Claim 7, wherein said predetermined angle of said extension members is about 100 degrees to 120 degrees, preferably about 110 degrees.

10. The offset device of Claim 7, further comprising:

an angled surface interface member positioned between said left extension member and said right extension member, wherein said angled surface interface is adapted to selectively contact at least two adjacent walls that are joined at an angle, such as a 90 degree corner.

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11. An offset device adapted for selective interconnection with a ladder that comprises a left structural member, a right structural member, and a plurality of rungs therebetween, comprising:

10 an angled left extension member, and which is adapted to interconnect to the left structural member of the ladder;

an angled right extension member, which is adapted to interconnect to the right structural member of the ladder;

an extension device adapted to selectively interconnect to said left and said right extension members, which further includes:

15 a left tubular member;

a right tubular member;

at least one transverse support member interconnected to said left tubular member and said right tubular member,

20 a left vertical surface interface positioned adjacent to one end of said left tubular member, which is adapted to selectively contact a vertical surface of a structure;

a right vertical surface interface positioned adjacent to one end of said right tubular member, which is adapted to selectively contact the vertical surface of the structure; and

25 an angled surface interface member positioned between said left tubular member and said right tubular member, wherein said angled surface interface is adapted to selectively contact at least two adjacent walls that are joined at an angle, such as a 90 degree corner.

12. The offset device of Claim 11, further comprising a locking mechanism that is adapted to selectively interconnect with said extension device, thus fixing the location of said offset device to a predetermined value.

13. The offset device of Claim 11, further comprising:

a least one footing interconnected to at least one of said left or right tubular member.